

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows. Insertions are shown underlined while deletions are ~~struck through~~.

1-3 (canceled)

4 (currently amended): ~~The~~A left-turn driving support system for supporting a driver of a vehicle waiting to make a left turn at an intersection where vehicles travel on the right side of a road~~as claimed in Claim 1~~, comprising a light reflecting material which reflects light from blinking signals of a turn signal of a second oncoming vehicle following a first oncoming vehicle, which are about to enter the intersection, wherein said light-reflecting material is installed on a road surface linearly along the centerline of the road and is longer than the length of the second oncoming vehicle to receive light of a left-turn signal of the second oncoming vehicle and reflect the light to the waiting vehicle, whereby the driver of the waiting vehicle can see the reflecting light, wherein said light-reflecting material is an optical fiber having two ends which senses the blinking signals of the turn signal from one end facing a side of the second oncoming vehicle and reflects the light from the other end facing a front of the waiting vehicle.

5-10 (canceled)

3, 11 (currently amended): A method for supporting a driver of a vehicle waiting to make a left turn at an intersection where vehicles travel on the right side of a road, comprising

sensing blinking signals of a turn signal of a second oncoming vehicle following a first oncoming vehicle, which are about to enter the intersection; and

reflecting light toward the driver of the vehicle waiting to make a left turn, wherein the driver is able to visually check the reflected light, and the sensing and reflecting steps are conducted using an optical fiber having two ends which senses the blinking signals of the turn signal from one end facing a side of the second oncoming vehicle and reflects the light from the other end facing a front of the waiting vehicle and is installed on a road surface linearly along the centerline of the road and is longer than the length of the second oncoming vehicle to sense light of a left-turn signal of the second oncoming vehicle and reflect the light ~~back to the second oncoming vehicle and the waiting vehicle~~; the driver making a left turn when the driver deems condition to be safe taking into consideration, the presence or absence of the light reflected.

12 (canceled)

Appl. No. : 09/976,865
Filed : October 10, 2001

213 (new): The left-turn driving support system according to Claim 4, wherein said one end is installed on a side of the road, and said other end is installed near the intersection.

114 (new): The method according to Claim 11, wherein said one end is installed on a side of the road, and said other end is installed near the intersection.
